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### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### Field of the Invention--

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The present invention concerns . . . ."

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#### --ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pneumatic tire for vehicle wheels includes a radial carcass, a tread band, sidewalls and beads, and a belt structure. The tread band is provided with grooves on its surface for coming into contact with the ground and situated on a radial outer surface of the carcass. The sidewalls and beads anchor the tire on a wheel rim. The belt structure is disposed between the tread band